

October 18, 2002

TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 29, 2002, 10:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.**

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or nine people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. Members of the MAG TRC may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Ken Hall at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Approval of August 27, 2002 Minutes</u>	2. Approve minutes of August 27, 2002 meeting.
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u>	3. For information and discussion.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Committee. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.		

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| <p>4. <u>Transportation Manager's Report</u></p> <p>Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Manager.</p> | <p>4. For information and possible action.</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Committee members can request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p> | <p>5. For information and possible action.</p> |

CONSENT AGENDA

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| <p>*6. <u>Regional Transportation Plan - Phase II Consultant Selection</u></p> <p>A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised for consultant assistance for development of Phase II of the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. Five consultant proposals were received in response to the RFQ. A proposal review team consisting of representatives from MAG member agencies interviewed three of these consultant groups and recommended that HDR Engineering, Inc., be selected to assist in the development of Phase II. The MAG Management Committee and the MAG Transportation Policy Committee considered this recommendation on October 16th and October 23rd, respectively. The Regional Council will take up the item at its October 30th the meeting.</p> | <p>6. For information and discussion.</p> |
| <p>*7. <u>Review of Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) Retreat and October 23, 2002 Meeting</u></p> <p>The Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) held their first meeting on</p> | <p>7. For information and discussion.</p> |

September 21, 2002. The day-long retreat covered issues ranging from the growth, land use, transportation, finance, and air quality. A copy of the draft minutes from the retreat are provided in Attachment One. The next meeting of the TPC is scheduled for October 23, 2002 in the APS Conference Room at Arizona Center beginning at 5:00 p.m.

*8. Proposed Changes to the ADOT Five Year Highway Construction Program in the MAG Region

Each year ADOT updates the Five Year State Transportation Facilities Construction Program. During September, 2002, ADOT submitted to MAG a spreadsheet containing some new projects and some cost and schedule changes. A list of these new projects and proposed changes is provided as Attachment Two.

8. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

9. Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study - SR 303L to SR 101L

Draft findings and recommendations from the Grand Avenue NW (Loop 101 to 303) Corridor Study will be presented. Copies of all project materials including draft Working Papers, meeting agendas, questionnaires, and maps are available on the MAG website. Please refer to Attachment Three, which contains the Draft Executive Summary for the study.

9. Recommendation to approve the report and its recommendations, including designation of Grand Avenue between Loop 101 and 303 as an "enhanced arterial / limited expressway," for further consideration and analysis as needed in the MAG Northwest Area Transportation Study and the Regional Transportation Plan.

10. HOV/HOT Lane Study

The High Occupancy Lanes and Value Lane Study are being finalized. The study has two components: 1) Update the 1994 MAG Freeway System Policies and

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System Plan for implementation of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) facilities; 2) Assess potential for value lanes on the Regional Freeway System. The executive summaries for these two components are included as Attachments Four and Five for your review.

11. FY 2008 ADOT Projects

Each year the Resource Allocation Advisory Committee (RAAC) makes a recommendation for the division of ADOT program funding for MAG, PAG and the rest of the state. This year, MAG reached the target allocation of 37 percent of the funding after three years of incremental upward adjustments. For 2008, the allocation for MAG is \$205.541 million. After subtracting the portion allocated to ADOT subprograms, i.e. pavement preservation, minor projects, etc, the total for major projects is \$175.483 million. Even though MAG will not be preparing a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the period FY 2003 - FY 2008, ADOT may need to allocate the funds to specific projects. Under federal law, the selection of projects is a cooperative process with ADOT, MAG and Valley Metro. A preliminary list of projects will be provided under separate cover. Input by the TRC on the proposed list of projects will be requested.

12. MAG Bottleneck Study

The MAG Bottleneck Study is currently underway. The study has four major components: 1) To identify bottlenecks, analyze bottlenecks, and to rank projects to improve these bottlenecks; 2) Expand the crash data to include the entire

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freeway system and to include a more detailed evaluation of freeway crashes; 3) Develop an interchange spacing policy for the urban area to provide guidance on the construction of additional traffic interchanges on the freeway system, and, 4) Identify and evaluate future freeway configurations necessary to carry traffic at an acceptable Level of Service through the year 2025. The first two components are being finalized and the information will be presented.

13. Update on the Valley Metro/RPTA Regional Transit System Study

The Regional Transit System (RTS) Study is currently one of several studies in process that will provide input into the Regional Transportation Plan. The RTS Study is evaluating regional transit needs and identifying operational and capital investments that could address those needs. An Agency Advisors Group has been meeting monthly to provide input into the project. An update of the study's progress will be provided. Please refer to Attachment Six.

14. Next Meeting Date

The next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

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